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Minutes of the Second Meeting
of the Ad Hoc Committee
to Survey Scientific and Technical Intelligence
8 April 1952

PRESENT:

Mr. Loftus E. Becker, Deputy Director/Intelligence,
 Central Intelligence Agency, Chairman
 Mr. William C. Trusheart, Department of State
 Colonel G. B. Coverdale, Chief of Collection and Dissemination
 Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
 Department of the Army
 Captain C. Kenneth Hurd, Head, Plans and Policy Section,
 Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
 Colonel James F. Pinsky, Conference Assistant in the Estimates
 Division of the Directorate of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force
 Dr. Malcolm F. Henderson, Deputy Director of Intelligence,
 Atomic Energy Commission
 Colonel Floyd E. Dunn, member of the Joint Intelligence Group,
 The Joint Staff

The minutes of the first meeting were approved, subject to a change in wording in item X(a) on page 4; the Chairman undertook to provide a revised page incorporating the suggested change.

The members exchanged papers prepared by their agencies in response to the decision reached at the first meeting. These papers included one (prepared by Col. Pinsky) bearing on the problem of providing a mechanism for planning and coordination, and one (prepared by CIA) designed to distinguish scientific-technical intelligence from economic intelligence.

A brief study of these papers preceded general discussion, at the outset of which the Chairman voiced his opinion that the studies, particularly those of Navy and Air Force, evidenced a good beginning and boded well for the future. There seemed to be general agreement that detailed specificity as to the size and organization of the resources available to each agency would be helpful to the

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* Mr. Richard D. Drwin, Executive Assistant to Mr. Becker, acted as recorder of the meeting.

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Committee as a basis for making comparisons and in its further analysis of the problems of allocations, overlaps, conflicts, and gaps. The Army representative undertook to have a more detailed Army study prepared and to submit it to the J.I.G. representative, who agreed to survey the three Service studies and prepare a consolidated study as to possible assumption of responsibilities by and among the three Services.

It was brought out by discussion that analysis of these papers should make it possible for the Committee to determine what aspects of the field can be mutually agreed upon as single-agency problems. Once that has been determined, then those aspects of more or less common concern should become apparent.

Various members of the Committee commented on the further problem of allocating responsibilities and covering gaps. It was the sense of the meeting that duplication may not always be harmful and that if it becomes necessary to draw arbitrary lines, it will be equally necessary to permit some overlap and allow for re-examination. There was the suggestion that when a gap appears within the general field of a responsible agency, then this gap should be remedied by requesting action by such agency and not be having another agency undertake the substantive work of filling in the gap.

It was felt that close study of Col. Pinkney's paper would aid the Committee in determining what type of coordinating mechanism to recommend. In meeting this problem, it would be necessary to consider how non-IAC agencies could be brought within the orbit of coordination, and to take into account outstanding NSCID's and possible changes to be recommended. Various members of the Committee commented favorably on the "little IAC" suggestion, but it was recognized that whole-hearted IAC support would be necessary and that any "little IAC" in this field should, at least in the first instance, be severely restricted to planning and policy-making for strictly scientific and technical intelligence matters.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was deemed desirable that the papers to be prepared by the Army and J.I.G. representatives be sent to Mr. Becker, who would then circulate them to the Committee together with a paper to be prepared by CIA, covering:

1. What, on the basis of the agencies' papers, appear to be items of common concern.
2. What items are there as to which all agencies have disclaimed responsibility, and to which agency such items should be assigned.

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At the time these papers are circulated the members of the Committee will be sounded as to the best date for the third meeting. Technical representatives will not be asked to appear at this meeting, but each committee member who so desires will bring an assistant who can cooperate in staff work needed by the committee.

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